

# CREWKERNE Crowcastle



**Distance:** 1 ½ - 2 miles



**Target Time:** 40 - 55 Minutes



**Description:** Town paths, field paths & tracks. No stiles but some chain gates. A moderate ascent & descent. Muddy in places.



**Start:** The Aqua Centre

1. From the Aqua Centre walk with care across the car park to walk between library and supermarket. Continue ahead through shopping precinct to main road.
2. Turn right across road, and shortly turn left up Church Street. At sharp left-hand bend continue straight-ahead up steps into churchyard. Turn right along path keeping church on left-hand side to meet road.
3. Turn left along road downhill, immediately after East Grove House and before ascending hill turn right along track signposted to Broadshard. Track soon becomes enclosed footpath which eventually enters field through chain gate.
4. Turn right along edge of field keeping hedge on right hand side to pass through chain gate in corner of field. Continue straight ahead across field on well-worn path passing telegraph pole and through another chain gate ahead.
5. Turn left along enclosed sunken path signposted Crowcastle Lane. Bear left at path junction and follow enclosed path, which eventually leads uphill to meet Hinton Road (a seat is located here). From this point there is an option to extend the route – see over.
6. Alternatively to return to the start, turn left along road downhill, and then continue uphill to retrace steps to the Aqua Centre.

## Optional extension:

Cross road to go along track signposted Saunders Piece Lane, track soon becomes enclosed path. Follow path for approximately 600 yards to emerge in slight clearing on track. Continue ahead on track for approximately 30 yards to turn left downhill along enclosed sunken path for 50 yards to squeeze stile into field.

Continue straight-ahead downhill across centre of field aiming for metal squeeze stile and gate in bottom of dip. Straight-ahead in field along bottom of dip towards church to go through metal kissing gate ahead in clump of bushes.

Follow path to emerge in small yard, continue straight ahead along tarmac path uphill and then steps into churchyard. Turn right and follow path around church to steps and then retrace route to return to the Aqua Centre.

